

# More Gang Members Guilty, Sentenced To Prison

## *Other Defendants Sentenced For Murder, Manslaughter, Rape*

A total of 15 members of the Only My Brothers (OMB) gang have now pled guilty to charges included in the 2016 indictment related to the activities of OMB after 3 more members entered pleas and were sentenced this week in Superior Court:

- Sha'Mir Sudler, 16, of Wilmington pled guilty to Gang Participation, Reckless Endangering First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, and Conspiracy Second Degree. Sudler admitted to firing multiple shots on Vandever Avenue in Wilmington in March 2016. The investigation into the shooting revealed that Sudler had communicated with another member of the OMB gang about firing shots at a member of the Shoot to Kill (STK) gang that day. Sudler was sentenced to 3 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then one year of probation. Sudler, now considered an adult felon, cannot own or possess firearms, ammunition, and deadly weapons for the rest of his life. Deputy Attorney A.J. Roop prosecuted the case.

- Dante Cooper, 18, of Wilmington pled to Gang Participation, Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Juvenile, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Receiving a Stolen Firearm, and Conspiracy Second Degree after detectives conducting surveillance in the area of the Sherman and North Pine Streets in Wilmington saw him take a gun from the waistband of his pants. Cooper was sentenced to 2 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 18 months of probation. Cooper is now prohibited for life from possessing or controlling firearms, ammunition and deadly weapons. Deputy

Attorney Mark Denney prosecuted the case.

- Kenneth Truitt, 20, of New Castle pled guilty to Gang Participation and Escape After Conviction. Truitt also admitted his violation of probation in a 2016 Carrying A Concealed Deadly Weapon case. While at the Plummer Center Work Release Facility for the weapons charge in September 2016, Truitt learned of his indictment for Gang Participation and fled the state. Authorities caught Truitt in Maryland and returned him to Delaware in December 2016. Truitt was sentenced to 3 months in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release then 18 months of probation. Deputy Attorney Mark Denney prosecuted the case.

Deputy Attorneys General John Downs, Periann Doko, and Dan McBride secured a guilty plea from a Touch Money Gang (TMG) member for the 2014 murder of a Wilmington man. Tymere Righter, 21, of Wilmington pled to Murder Second Degree, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, and Gang Participation for fatally shooting Dewayne Brown as he sat in a car at the intersection of East 10th and North Spruce Streets. Righter faces 15 years to life in prison when sentenced in Superior Court in June.

Deputy Attorneys General James Apostolico and Colleen Norris secured a guilty plea from a 20-year-old from Newark charged with killing his grandfather. Shawn Hagerty pled to Murder Second Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony in connection to the March 2016 stabbing of 69-year-old James Steppi in his Stanton area home. Police spotted Hagerty, who lived with his grandfather at the time, driving the victim's car. Hagerty led police on a high speed chase before losing control and being arrested. Hagerty faces 17 years to life in prison when sentenced later this year in Superior Court.

Deputy Attorneys General John Downs and Jamie McCloskey

secured lengthy prison sentences for two men responsible for the 2015 shooting death of a Wilmington woman. Tyler Carter and Thomas Robles both pled guilty in November 2016 to charges related to the death of 25-year-old Latrice Blackshear. The pair broke into Blackshear's home in the 400 block of West 7th Street in order to commit a robbery. Carter, the shooter, was sentenced to 32 years in prison for Murder Second Degree, Assault First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Home Invasion, and Conspiracy Second Degree. Robles was sentenced to 24 years in prison for Manslaughter, Robbery First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Home Invasion, and Assault First Degree.

A 24-year-old Wilmington man received a 20-year prison sentence for fatally shooting another man during a botched drug deal. In June 2015, Levi Blaylock shot and killed 20-year-old Quiaire Nesmith of Wilmington in the 600 block of North Broom Street. The shooting occurred during a robbery attempt that Blaylock set up to look like a marijuana purchase. In September 2016, Blaylock pled guilty to Manslaughter, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, and Robbery Second Degree. Blaylock was sentenced in Superior Court to 20 years in prison followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 18 months of probation. Deputy Attorneys General Phillip Casale, Brian Robertson, and Abigail Layton prosecuted the case.

A 51-year-old Dover man will spend the next 30 years in prison following his guilty plea for raping a child. Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Dickerson secured the guilty plea and prison sentence to Rape Second Degree and Reckless Endangering First Degree from Bobby Harrell. In May 2015, Harrell had sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old girl left in his care. Harrell was sentenced in Superior Court to 30 years in prison followed by 3 years of probation.